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News Release

For Immediate Release

Hotel/motel tax reallocation application process

The Hotel/Motel Tax Reallocation Committee, a committee appointed by City Council to manage the grant award process for the returned tax proceeds from Wonders of Wildlife (WOW), will host a **mandatory** question and answer session for interested groups in applying for funds, at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, May 30, at The Creamery Arts Center, 411 N. Sherman Pkwy.

The funds are available for capital grants to Springfield not-for-profit organizations that promote tourism, recreation, education, and local economy. The application criteria and initial letter of intent form can be downloaded at www.springfieldmo.gov/government prior to the meeting. Any interested party must have at least one representative from their organization at the session to be eligible to apply. The session will review the history of the tax funds and the application criteria followed by a question and answer session.

WOW terminated their grant agreement in 2011 and agreed to forego receipt of all Hotel-Motel Tax proceeds after the termination date. City Council authorized 60% of the WOW tax funds to be reallocated to entities that qualify to receive said funds under the February 3, 1998 ballot, under the terms and conditions Council adopted in Special Ordinance No. 23448.

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